

quality foods. The company distributes high-quality Vermont foods, supporting not only local farmers, but other small businesses such as Grafton Cheese, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, and products from Vermont Butter and Cheese. They are an integral part of the Vermont Fresh Network, which links local farms to local chefs.

Although during out-of-season periods (Vermont, after all, has long winters) Black River distributes produce from out of State, and although it buys fish in Boston, its commitment to local agriculture and local business is noteworthy. In a time when both agribusiness and outsourcing have wrought havoc with traditional American family farms and with American businesses, I salute the remarkable accomplishment of Black River Produce in supporting local access to locally produced foods. Steve Birge and Mark Curran, and their many employees, have shown businesses around the nation that distributing the products from family farms is and can be good business, and that profits can flow both from helping local businesses, and from providing consumers with healthful foods.

IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN CEVIE
DUE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad duty to inform the House of the death of Captain Cevie Due of the Richmond Police Department. Captain Due was killed in a head-on collision while traveling with his wife, Linda, through Jackson County, MO.

Captain Due was dedicated to public service. In order to set a good example he taught the D.A.R.E. program in the Richmond school district, a duty he performed since 1992. He was also involved with Community 2000, Ray County Coalition, and other agencies that benefit the children of his community. Along with his wife, Captain Due was in charge of Trick or Treat Street, which provided a safe environment for the children on Halloween. Captain Due was also a dedicated foster parent. He was a member of the Missouri Foster Parent Association and served 60 children in-home.

Captain Due served the people of his community in the Richmond Police Department since 1973. He held the positions of Patrol Officer, Corporal of Patrol, Sergeant of Patrol, Lieutenant of Police, Commander of Investigative Unit, Press Release Officer, member of the Missouri Rural Case Squad, and Reserve Deputy in the Ray County Sheriff's Department. Captain Due was honored as Police Officer of the Year in 1974 and 1989 and was named Who's Who in State Law Enforcement in 1988.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to serving his community Cevie Due served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1969 as a 3rd Class Yeoman. He served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. His dedication to public service should be an example to us all. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in extending condolences to his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MATTHEWS:
EDUCATOR, EDUCATION ADMIN-
ISTRATOR AND COMMUNITY
LEADER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions and achievements of Mr. Richard Matthews, who will be retiring as Assistant Principal of Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary School in Miami, Florida after thirty-five years in education.

Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary School is the educational home for over 1,000 students, ages three through eleven. The student body is comprised mainly of recent immigrants who are primarily from Haitian-Creole linguistic backgrounds and have limited proficiency in English. Many of the students come from economically disadvantaged homes. Meeting the educational needs of these students is one of the toughest jobs in education, but it is one of the most important in the United States of America, a nation of immigrants. Richard Matthews was up to task.

He spent much of his adult life as an educator in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and his judgement, skill and experience have been invaluable. Mr. Matthews advocated learning from the past, assessing the present and managing for the future. But when it came to preparing for his own retirement, he reflected on what he called the fallacy of misplaced prudence, proclaiming that life is what happens while you're out making other plans.

Although teaching is a full time job, Richard Matthews found the time to contribute to the lives of young people in many other ways, including as Executive Vice President, Dade County, School Administrator Association, Local 84; Minister of the Eucharist, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church; Chaperone, Miami Killian Marching Band; Retired Commander, U.S. Navy Supply Corps; Past Union Steward, United Teacher of Dade, Arvida Middle School; Past President, Catholic Alumni Club of Miami; Past Troop Leader Boy Scouts of America; Past Advisor Sea Scouts of America; and Cofounder, Peter Flores Scholarship Fund, Learning Experience School of Miami.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join with the students, parents, and staff of Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, and with all of those in our community whose lives have been touched by his, in expressing our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Matthews for all that he has contributed and for doing an important job, and doing it well.

We wish you great happiness and success as you begin this next new chapter in your life.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF WISCONSIN MEMORIAL UNION

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the proud tradition of the Wisconsin Memorial Union as it nears the conclusion of its seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

The Union opened its doors on October 5, 1928 in dedication to the men and women of the University of Wisconsin who served in our country's wars. Since then the Union has functioned as a gathering place for both students and Madison community members. The Union has been a staple of university life since its opening; any University graduate can relate fond memories of eating in the Rathskeller dining room, the first site at a public university union to serve beer, or enjoying a refreshing summer breeze while sitting on the infamous "sunburst" chairs on Union Terrace. Students go to the Union to relax and to study; it truly is, as past University President Glenn Frank described, the University's "living room, which converts the University from a house of learning into a home of learning."

Today students flock to the Union at the beginning of the school year for Wisconsin Welcome, which includes an ice cream tasting contest at the Daily Scoop, the Multicultural Orientation and Reception, free boat rentals courtesy of the Hoofers Outdoor Club, and live band performances. During the academic year students and Madison community members can visit its impressive art gallery, throw pottery at the Craftshop, take a mini course, view the Paul Bunyan murals painted during the New Deal, participate in the annual Kites on Ice event, and hear speakers at the Union Theater through the Distinguished Lecture Series.

I am proud to rise today and honor the Wisconsin Union for its seventy-five years of outstanding service to University students and the Madison community. It stands as a symbol of the many different kinds of learning that the University promotes. Over the years the Union has established a long-standing tradition of promoting volunteerism and community involvement, while also serving as a center for University festivities. The Union's impressive past presents exciting prospects for its future.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day, I rise to remember the service and sacrifice of our fallen heroes fighting in the War on Terror and to honor all of the brave men and women who have served in our nation's military.

This Memorial Day we recognize the sacrifices of so many brave men and women who gave their lives for the freedom of others around the world and for the defense of our Nation. This past weekend, we celebrated a generation of heroes with the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. This memorial serves as a fitting tribute to our greatest generation who fought the war and the more than 400,000 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of others enslaved by tyranny and oppression. The memorial will provide future generations of Americans with a real sense of the enormity of the conflict and they will learn how our Nation joined together during the darkest hour in the history of the world, to rise up and defeat the regimes of Germany, Italy and Japan.